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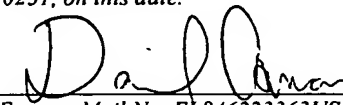
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

✓ Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 7, 9, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 25-27 as follows:

6. (Amended) The magnetic disk drive system of claim 5, wherein the
data for distance measurement is written in the sectors of all of the tracks of said disk at the
same write timing and said distance is measured at said sectors.

7. (Amended) The magnetic disk drive system of claim 5, wherein the
data for distance measurement is written in the sectors of a plurality of the tracks selected of

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